

THE HARTLEY FEUD;

—OR—

A Missing Brother's Bequest.

BY HARRIE IRVING HANCOCK.

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CHAPTER IV.

IN THE HANDS OF A MERCILESS ENEMY.

Meanwhile our hero had found a singular place of refuge.

The incident just described had taken place on his father's land, every inch of which Jack knew well.

Hardly had he got out of his first place of concealment when a monster oak tree which had been in an advanced state of decay was struck by lightning.

In its early boyhood Jack and his cousin Peyton, who it will be remembered, was slain in that memorable assault on Brookline, had often sought their sylvan retreat, and many were the happy times they had had on that trunk, a hole a few inches in diameter, and through the rents they discovered that the tree inside was hollow. They had known it well enough to enable them to get inside one at a time.

Once the sylvan freaks of secretiveness of these boys are so capable had led them to keep the secret to themselves.

It was the work of days to hollow out the trunk, and when the last hole was made to the height of about seven, the chips which resulted from this labor they cautiously carried away and buried. The last hole was made to contain their retreat, and to put over the hole which admitted them to the inside an ingeniously constructed bark door, which was so ingeniously contrived as to make it appear part and parcel of the natural bark of the tree.

When Jack returned that the Brooklings had been put in the woods and hunted him down he saw the uselessness of attempting to keep them any longer at bay. He knew too well that they had won the upper hand, and he could not get his home in safety.

In this extremity the secret of the old oak flashed to him, and removing the bark in proximity he made all haste to gain its shelter. At the same time he took great care to make his hideout under the grass and dead leaves as inconspicuous as possible.

It was a fear that required the greatest possible dash.

He sprang into the tree in safety and opened the bark door. Dragging himself and his weapons through the aperture he closed the door.

At present later the Brookling party came in sight.

Morgan himself was leading his forces, while his time had unted again, and all eyes were bent in close scrutiny upon the faint trail.

It seemed to end somewhere round here," said Morgan, "but I have no time for a closer inspection of the foot prints." "I wonder if the beggar has taken to any of the trees?" he said, decisively.

Jack heard this, without being in the least disturbed by the conjectures of his enemy; if they suspected him of taking to a tree, he would be safe, and the idea after a close scrutiny of the tree tops.

It was late in the fall, and the leaves had fallen so completely as to afford no shelter to the fugitive.

The bark door was securely closed over the aperture, yet the young Kentuckian who had the tree for his shelter and was going to it without the trunk was punctured with more than a score of small holes, imperceptible to the passer-by, while the merciless indifference he waited and watched.

He had not long to wait.

He had better much on a little further, as all had seen Morgan approach, announced, "we may yet overtake the fellow before he reaches home, our best course is to follow him."

It was evident by this time that the Hartleys were winning the day. The fighting came nearer and nearer.

The attentive expression on Sam's face showed that he knew what was being said.

Only occasionally did the latter venture to put in a few words.

What were they talking about?

given Dave Brocklin a true negro "bunt" with his woolly head. It struck the other squarely in the back of the neck, so that Dave, despite his efforts, went down in a comatose around after that stunning blow.

The negro gave his attention to the fallen, and as Jack came up, he said, "Jack, I fully understood the thought that was passing through his mind."

The boy wisely decided not to distress him with the particulars of his narrow escape from the jaws of death.

"Now, did any of the others mention it in her hearing?"

"How 'Minnie'?" was the first query.

"She had removed herself from that tight embrace of anxiety came to Mrs. Hartley's face.

"I think it over," replied the old man.

"Don't you know we'll do it?"

All four of the men started, and each looked with relief, those emerged from around the corner of the house an odd looking figure.

"We're bound to go to the sick room at once and see how Minnie's getting along," said his father.

"I don't know if she would be worse than useless if there should be any fighting. As soon as I get her into bed, I can send word to the doctor."

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And so it went on, the last one wasn't a success for us, you know."

Slowly, whether we'd better do it all at once or by degrees, "We can't afford to—" "Don't be a fool, old man!" Dave interposed.

"Be careful, boy! I'll hear your suggestions, but not your impudence," said the negro, with a sharp glance at his master.

The latter glared angrily at his father for a moment, and then, with a look of warmth and tenderness of a mother's love,

"I only say I kin do it, boss, and—" shaking his head ominously, he said, "I am still unconscious."

"No, not yet, boy! Give him time to come up, and he shall have a fair trial for his life. That was more than he intended to do for me."

This was spoken in the true spirit of manhood, but it not be supposed that it came without a struggle. It cost him a mighty effort, but he would not sulky his family's fate.

Hardly had he got his rifle and pistols when his father's voice came:

"The negro has got his gun, and he is coming."

When Dave recovered consciousness he then would come to the realization that he was in that memorable assault on Brookline, and many were the happy times they had had on that trunk, a hole a few inches in diameter, and through the rents they discovered that the tree inside was hollow. They had known it well enough to enable them to get inside one at a time.

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THE DEBTS OF THE STATES.

The eleventh number of the Statistical Abstract of the United States for 1888, just issued from Washington, gives some instructive figures concerning the debts and tax-rates of the several States.

Massachusetts has the questionable honor of being, with the one exception of Virginia, the most heavily indebted State in the Union, the amount of her liabilities being over \$31,000,000. Virginia stands at the head of the list with a funded debt of \$23,560,696, and an unfunded debt of \$8,312,847. Tennessee stands third, with a total debt of \$17,000,000. Then follow Pennsylvania, with a debt of about \$15,000,000; North Carolina, with one of nearly \$13,000,000; Louisiana, with one of \$12,000,000, and Maryland, with one of \$11,000,000.

Among the great rich States which are lightly burdened with debts are New York, which carries a debt of but \$7,000,000; Ohio and Minnesota, each of whose obligations foot up less than \$4,000,000; New Jersey with a total debt of less than \$2,000,000, and Kansas with liabilities amounting to about \$1,500,000.

Very few of our 42 sovereign States are entirely free from debt, but Illinois, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Colorado are in that happy condition. The constitution of West Virginia prohibits her from contracting a state debt. California has a funded debt of \$2,690,000, which is held in trust for her school funds, and on which interest only is payable, so that practically she has no state debt—not that she will ever be called upon to pay. Delaware is also practically without a state debt; she levies no state tax and makes no state valuation of taxable property. Her funded liabilities are stated at less than half a million, and are covered by interest-paying securities held by her treasury. Kentucky is also but free from debt. The whole of Iowa's debt is invested in the school fund, and only the interest thereon is payable; it is about \$250,000.

The grand total indebtedness of the States is about \$220,000,000, and their aggregate taxable property is estimated at \$22,657,363,536. The highest amount raised by taxation for State purposes in 1888 in any State, relative to its assessed valuation, was that levied in Nevada, whose people paid the State tax at 90 cents per \$100. Nebraska's tax per \$100 was 75 cents per \$100, and Louisiana's 60 cents per \$100. Excepting Delaware, which had no tax rate at all, Massachusetts shows the lowest rate of State taxation in the Union—11½ cents per \$100. Thus it appears that, while every State has a heavy debt, Massachusetts is the most lightly taxed of all the 42 American Commonwealths.

TOWNSEND'S LETTER.

Washington in Summer and Winter.

Slavery and the Great Debate of Webster and Hayne.

How John Brown's Old Form at Harper's Ferry Looks Now.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—One feels, as he comes to this capital in the summer, how quickly the hand of despotism can be laid upon the greatest men to whom we look for power. The yellow flag attacking a town will drive away all its character and intellect in a week, and in a few weeks the grass will be seen to grow among the cobblestones of the business streets. Washington city has reached a degree of success which would astonish the old president after whom it is named, if he could look in upon it for a single day. The process of conquest goes by seasons and success; so that while for some parts of the year there is hardly a place on the globe containing as much news as Washington city, at other times it exercises a stupefying influence upon the newspaper correspondents whose life it is to find something out. It would be absurd to say that one could not always make an interesting statement from the city, but the battles of the great national debt are not to be denied. At this time we do not look for news from Washington city, but the spirit of the people reflected upon their parlaments should result in a refusal to grant the necessary supplies. The utmost strain upon BISMARCK's powers of statesmanship from year to year is necessary in order to prevent the imperial parliament from cutting down the enormous military establishment.

But though the spirit of war has relaxed among the people, the costly substance still survives in time of peace, to curtail the food, clothing and other comforts of every citizen, through exhausting taxation. It is eminently opportune that representative law-makers of England, France and the United States should come together in this great centennial year to lift the banner of peace before the lions and black eagles and bears that, fittingly enough, typify the savage ages when the chief occupation of monarchs was international murder at wholesale.

To say that this government will heartily co-operate in making the proposed conference a success is merely to say that a true government of the people is necessarily founded upon peace and friendly to humanity.

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DEMOCRATIC OUTLOOK FOR 1892.

Thirty-seven months or more must elapse before the representatives of the Democratic party again meet in convention to choose a candidate for the presidency. Therefore no census of opinions taken at this time can have any great value as an indication of the result of that convention.

At the same time, the opinions and wishes of any considerable number of such vast importance must be interesting.

The New York Press, a Republican high-pressure paper, has taken the pains to collect the views, or, rather, the preferences of a number of these gentlemen, those expressing themselves in favor of the nomination of President CLEVELAND.

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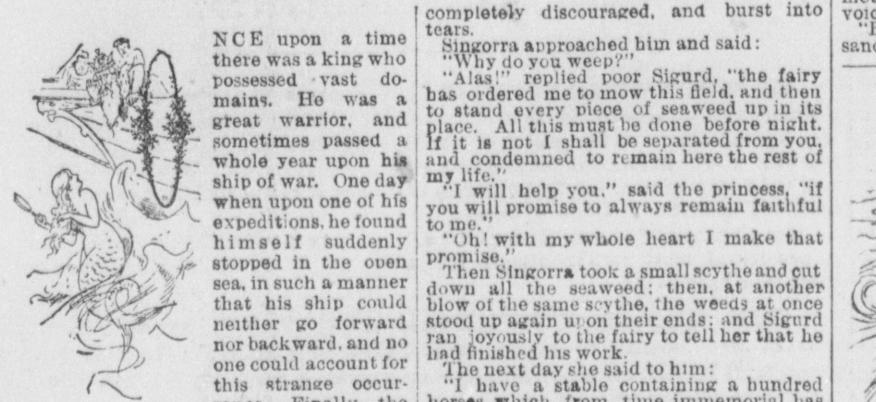
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Fairy Tales FOR THE CHILDREN

SIGURD
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A Swedish Fairy Tale.



NICE upon a time there was a king who possessed vast domains. He was a great warrior, and sometimes passed his whole life upon his war. One day when upon one of his expeditions he found himself suddenly stopped in the open sea, in such a manner that his ship could neither go forward nor backward, and no one could tell him of this strange occurrence. Finally, the

king, looking from one side to the other, saw a merman near the prow of the vessel, and, thinking that it was she who had stopped the ship, he asked her what she wished.

"You shall not leave this spot," she said, "until you promise to give me the first living thing you see when you reach the land."

The king, finding that there was no other way of regaining his liberty, gave the promise. Immediately the ship started forward and glided rapidly over the waves.

The king had an only son, a beautiful boy of 15, named Sigurd, whom he loved very dearly.

As soon as Sigurd saw the royal ship, running he ran down upon the beach to be the first to greet his father.

The king shuddered on seeing him, and recalled the promise he had made. He turned his eyes away from him, and, in the

meantime, disengaged, and burst into

suspicion, but she concealed her anger and said in a kindly tone:

"You must be hungry, you shall have something to eat."

In vain he thanked her, remembering the counsel of his faithful friend; in vain he placed before him a basket filled with various kinds of food and then left him. The prince did not speak, but by dumb signals announced his intention of departing.

He had not gone far when he heard the sound of a serpent lying on the floor and said to it:

"Watch that fellow."

Sigurd, recalling the instructions of Singorra, placed the silk cushion which she had given him under the serpent, and, resolved to eat nothing, he hid the basket under the cushion.

"Basket, my excellent basket, where are you?" cried the old sorceress on re-entering. "In the corner, behind the broom."

The sorceress turned to the prince and cried angrily: "I will not eat whether you will or not."

Then turning to the serpent:

"My faithful serpent," she said, "watch this [she went out]."

Sigurd, not wishing to obey her, and fearing to irritate her again, hid the basket under the cushion.

When the sorceress returned she cried:

"Basket, my excellent basket, where are you?"

"Under my vest," replied the basket.

"All right," she cried, believing that Sigurd had eaten the food.

Sigurd handed Sigurd the various articles for his toilet, and he departed.

But he had hardly crossed the courtyard of the house when the basket began to stir under his vest, and then transformed itself into a enormous dragon.

The young prince, disengaged, and reached the spot where he had seen the voice of the sorceress, crying:

"Bear, my dear bear, tear him into a thousand pieces."

struggles," he replied. "I will not forget this one."

She made no answer, but let him go, and seated herself beside the road and wept.

The King, who had not ceased to mourn for his son, came up to her and addressed her: "Well—a strange thing—the prince did not speak, but by dumb signals announced his intention of departing."

"To prepare the things he was to take with him, and to say good-bye to the serpent lying on the floor and said to it:

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The next morning as she sat there silent, and, concealed by the trees, a young girl came to draw water, and seeing the beautiful face reflected in the spring she immediately fell in love with him.

"Ah!" she cried, "since I am so beautiful

I will no longer remain with my old blind father."

Sigurd, at those words, she fled.

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"Singorra took a small scythe and cut down all the seaweed; then, at another blow of the same scythe, the weeds at once stood up again on their ends; and Sigurd was compelled to remain here the rest of my life."

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"Singorra took a gold whinching-horn on the wall and struck a horse living in the corner. This horse rose and began to paw the ground, and the horse was so fierce that the moment the stable was completely cleaned and all the other horses neighed for joy. Sigurd, my good millers, break him into a thousand pieces."

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"Singorra entered the stable and saw at a glance that he could never clean it out with the time set by the fairy, and he was to wear to town."

"How do you weep?" asked Singorra.

"Wolf, the fairy," replied the princess.

"Singorra took a sharp scythe and cut the other half of the second cake, and it trotted away, saying:

"I was hungry and he gave me food."

"Singorra, the art of escaping as rapidly as possible, walked forward with a rapid step, and when he reached the two millers, to whom he had given woolen caps, he beat the face of the sorceress."

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HOWARD'S LETTER.

The Surgeons Who Attended
Mind-Reader Bishop.

Danger of Catalepsy, as Suggested in
This Extraordinary Case.

The Law on Premature Autopsies Should
Be Enforced.

New York, May 18.—It is fortunate for the world at large that no such tragic and revolting autopsy happened in a case which compelled publicity. Had it been Tom Jones, or any other unknown incognoscibility, no notice would have been taken of the fact, but because it was the body of a well-known, indeed, a celebrated man, Irving Bishop, who was infamously treated, public attention was arrested, columns of denunciation are published, an opportunity is given in which to impress many minds lesson. A great deal is done in the altered interest of science to these poor bodies of ours which should not be tolerated, indeed, which would not be tolerated in my case or yours, but which is a continuity of occurrence among the poor, the unprotected, and particularly those who have been supported at the public expense. Many years ago I myself and dear friends, who were in the dissecting room needs no argument. That there is no other way to learn than through the process of dissection, intelligently conducted, needs no argument; that an infinity of sensibility deadening horse play goes on in dissecting rooms is no proof that intelligently conducted dissections are futile. No man of common sense would but his head against a stone wall of that description, but the others are properly led to do so by their own bodies, as far as to their health, and the like in the city, and presumably in all others, opens the door wide for the purpose of encouraging, aiding and advancing science in this direction.

The doctors are excited. And the doctors ought to be excited. That is the only way to keep the dissecting room needs no argument. That there is no other way to learn than through the process of dissection, intelligently conducted, needs no argument; that an infinity of sensibility deadening horse play goes on in dissecting rooms is no proof that intelligently conducted dissections are futile. No man of common sense would but his head against a stone wall of that description, but the others are properly led to do so by their own bodies, as far as to their health, and the like in the city, and presumably in all others, opens the door wide for the purpose of encouraging, aiding and advancing science in this direction.

I am not at all alarmed about the doctors. They are abundantly able to care for themselves, and the facilities at their disposal are so tremendous, so widespread, that there need be no anxiety lest they be drawn into the ranks of the unscrupulous in their endeavor to pervert themselves in this most needed branch of their practice. It is a terrible thought, successive to his son's unimpeachable record as to his son's prior experience, that possibly he was living when the knife took hold of him. There can be no two opinions as to the brutality, as to the terrible traversing of the feelings of mother and wife.

Imagine the scene.

An undertaker's gloomy shop, the much-loved form reposing in an iron box. With tender touch and loving hand the undertaker brushes the hair from the forehead of her son, the last token to comfort her to her sorrowing heart that saved her. Sacred head! Yes, sacred head to the mother, and I don't intend to argue that point with anybody. If you don't see it let it pass. Imagine that scene, and then conjure the dread possibilities that rose before that good woman's mind as she realized the experiences, the sad, the bitter, the maternal anxious experience of her earlier life, with this much to boy.

But you can do the next best thing. You can do your share in working up a public sentiment which will compel officials to enforce the law by making an example of doctors who violate the law, and which in its turn will be a much-needed lesson, not in your behalf, but in behalf of the poor and lowly, and those who have no one to stand up for and speak for them.

Bishop went to his death.

On the other hand, Bishop possibly was not dead. It is the greatest possibility, don't you see, that is planted as a seed of tremendous potency in the heart of this woman bereaved of her son, and, through her, in the mind of the public, who stand asghast as they think into the still living body of this sensible, cognizant mind who plucked the knife from his breast. Romances have exhausted the imagination in depicting the probable horror that has come to his mind since when he comes to his senses.

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